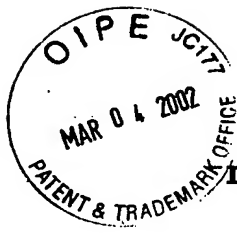


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The Applicant has now received the following prior art references in connection with the International Search Report dated 12 October 2000, from the European Patent Office in the counterpart International Patent Application.

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The prior art references are set forth below and on the Form PTO-1449.

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A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of documents not in the English Language.

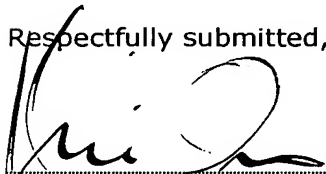
The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner give full consideration to the information disclosed herein, make it of record in this Application, and complete and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97, this information is submitted before the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits. No fee is due.

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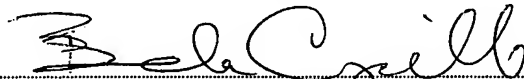


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